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## DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 DMA2K OR DMA 2000

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- Provides new planning requirements for states & communities with a focus on process & participation
- Ties Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) & Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) eligibility to plan approval

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## PURPOSE OF THE ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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- To produce a document that a locality may use to identify long-term, proactive projects and strategies to help reduce the loss of life and property resulting from natural hazards
- The plan may also serve as a Flood Mitigation Assistance Plan (FMA) and/or a Community Rating System Plan (CRS)



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## ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

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- **Planning District Commissions** are responsible for overall project management, coordination & communication
- **Participating Jurisdictions** are responsible for meetings, strategy development, public involvement, plan review & adoption

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## WHAT WILL BE COVERED

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- Planning Process
- Public Participation
- Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (HIRA)
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Mitigation Goals & Strategies
- Plan Maintenance
- Submitting the Plan for Review
- Adoption

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## SUBMITTING THE PLAN FOR REVIEW

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- Provide 2 hard copies, an electronic copy & a “Crosswalk” to VDEM; allow 30 days for review
- VDEM will submit the final draft plan to FEMA for review; allow 45 days

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## ADOPTION

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► **Once VDEM & FEMA approve the final draft, as stated by Title 44 §201.6 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the plan must be formally adopted by all participating jurisdictions**

- VDEM encourages local governments to adopt this plan by resolution
- VDEM believes a public hearing process stresses the spirit of DMA 2000, which states the “open public involvement process is essential to the development of an effective plan”

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DEVELOPING AN

# ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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## PLANNING PROCESS

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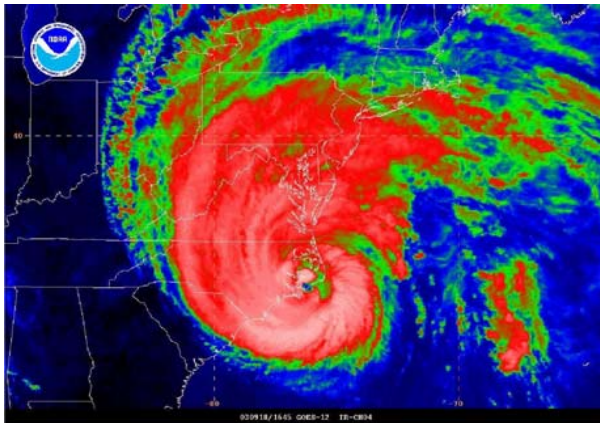
- ▶ Describe how the plan was prepared which may include the time it took or the type & outcome of meetings/workshops
- ▶ Describe in detail who was involved, such as external contributors & the planning committee
- ▶ Describe how each jurisdiction participated & what efforts were made to involve those that did not participate
- ▶ Describe how information was reviewed & integrated from existing plans, studies, reports & technical documents

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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- ▶ Local representatives **MUST** participate by serving on a committee or taking part in a public meeting
- ▶ Explain & document how the public was given the opportunity to comment on the plan
- ▶ Discuss how local, state & federal agencies, neighboring jurisdictions, local businesses, community leaders, educators & other private and nonprofit interest groups participated
- ▶ Describe any outreach programs
- ▶ At least two public meetings are required: one to present the draft of the plan & one prior to adoption
- ▶ VDEM recommends inviting the public to any meetings & a good way to communicate dates & times is a website



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## HAZARD IDENTIFICATION & RISK ASSESSMENT (HIRA)

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- ▶ Describe the location or geographic area affected by each specific hazard including the hazard's extent or magnitude
- ▶ Describe past events & the probability of future events in or near the planning area
- ▶ Discuss hazards that were considered but determined to be of low risk & state they will not be addressed any further
- ▶ Identify and assess all risks that are not common to the entire planning area
- ▶ Provide sufficient information in order to identify and prioritize appropriate mitigation actions
- ▶ Note any data limitations & describe methodology



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## VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

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- ▶ Include an overall summary description
- ▶ Describe the jurisdiction's vulnerability to each identified hazard
- ▶ Describe the hazard's impact such as the kind & level of damage, in terms of dollar value, percent of damage, days of duration, etc.
- ▶ Information that can be included but is NOT required:
  - Identifying the type & number of existing & future buildings, infrastructure & critical facilities within each hazard area
  - Describing vulnerability in terms of potential dollar losses
  - Describing the methodology used to estimate losses
  - Providing a general overview of land uses & describing development trends

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## MITIGATION GOALS & STRATEGIES

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- ▶ Describe the hazard reduction goals. Based on the risk assessment findings, they should be long-term & represent what the community wants to achieve
- ▶ List all mitigation actions & projects considered
- ▶ Include actions that address future & existing buildings & infrastructure
- ▶ Explain the reasons for selecting actions & how they are prioritized
- ▶ Describe implementation & administration of the plan, including the responsible organization, funding source & target completion date
- ▶ Identify at least one mitigation action per jurisdiction
- ▶ Describe the cost-benefit review that identified the actions with the greatest benefits

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## PLAN MAINTENANCE

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- ▶ Describe the method, schedule and who is responsible for evaluation & updating the plan
- ▶ Describe applicable local planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, zoning & building codes, site development regulations & permits
- ▶ Describe how the mitigation plan requirements will be incorporated into local plans
- ▶ Describe ongoing public participation opportunities

